

Grades 3 - 5

# Fireflies

THE KID'S SAFETY SOURCE

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## Safety-Gram

**Remind someone  
you love to change their smoke alarm battery**

Cut out the postcard on the line that looks like this \_\_\_\_\_. Then fold it on the line that looks like this \_\_\_\_\_. Tape the two sides together at the bottom.

Write a message to someone you love. Remind them to change the battery in their smoke alarm when they set their clock back on October 28.

Mail or give this postcard to someone you love.

• **Change Your Clock**



• **Change Your Battery**



On October 28, 2001 when you set your clock back an hour, make sure to have a grown-up change your smoke alarm battery too!



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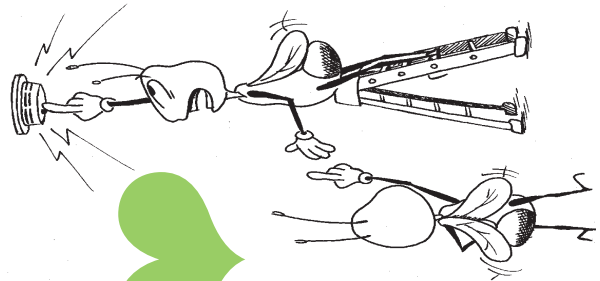
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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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Love, \_\_\_\_\_

# Feature Firefighter

## Meet Firefighter Roy Mason.



His friends call him Bear because he is a big huggable guy. He drives the tiller on Ladder 10. The tiller is the back of the Ladder Truck. The Ladder Truck is so long that specially trained drivers, like Bear, steer the back of the truck through traffic. Driving the tiller is a very important job. When the truck gets to the emergency, Bear either helps with search and rescue or cuts holes in the roofs of burning buildings. This lets the smoke out so the other firefighters can see where they are going.

Bear was born in Panama City, Panama. That is in Central America. Can you find it on a map? He moved to the United States when he was nine years old. He can speak both Spanish and English. He is bilingual. He moved to Seattle because he likes beautiful mountains and green trees. He has been a firefighter at Station 10 in Pioneer Square for 22 years.

Ask Bear how he stays safe when driving the tiller through the streets of downtown Seattle and he will tell you that there are three important things he always does. The first thing is he always puts on his seatbelt. The second thing he does is adjust all the mirrors so he can see all around him. Third, he puts on his headset so he can talk with the driver of the fire truck. The driver and Bear work as a close team. They are both driving the same truck at the same time and have to work together.

Bear wants you to know that there are important things you can do to be safe in a car. “Always ride buckled up” he says, “and check to make sure everyone else is buckled up, too.” Kids should be quiet so the driver can focus on the road. All of these things will help you stay safe, like Bear. He taught these things to his kids so they can be safe drivers and passengers. He wants you to be safe too.



**Abroche su cinturón de seguridad**  
is Spanish for Buckle your seatbelt.

# Crash's Close Call!

Read each paragraph below. Each one is part of the story of Crash's Close Call. Figure out the correct order of the paragraphs to tell the story. Number each paragraph in the space to the left. You will number the first paragraph 1, the second will be numbered 2 and so on.

Crash headed off to the space car and climbed into the seat in the back. Crash's mom thought that was the safest seat. Bang and Boom, the twins, climbed into the back beside Crash. "Let's play the Click-Game," said Crash's mom. They played the click game every time they got in the space car. Who ever made their seatbelt "click" first won. The winner got to pick the radio station. This time Crash won.



Then, all of a sudden, out of nowhere, a space truck cut in front of their space car and hit its brakes! "Oh No!" cried Crash's mom, fearing the worst. She hit her brakes and everyone's seatbelts held them tight in their seats, but their toys and papers went flying to the front of the space car. Thankfully, a space wreck was avoided. "Is everyone OK?" asked Crash's mom. "Yes" they all said from the back seat. "It is a good thing we were wearing our seatbelts, we could have been hurt."



It was a rainy afternoon on the planet Accidents Happen. Crash was so bored because staying inside all day isn't always lots of fun. Crash's mom said "We are going to the store. Go get in the space car." Ugh . . . thought Crash. It was a boring no fun day and now they were going shopping. Yuck.



It was raining very hard and Crash's mom was looking very hard at the space road in front of her. Bang and Boom were fighting with each other and being very loud. Crash said, "Quiet down! Mom is having a tough time paying attention with the two of you hitting at each other!" "Thank you, Crash," said Crash's mom.

## Questions to Think About and Talk About

Crash plays the Click-Game to remember to buckle up. How do you remember to always buckle your seatbelt when you ride in a car?

What things do you do in the car? Do you listen to music? Read a book?

How do your activities help the driver pay attention to the road?

# Fire Safety Survey

Let's take a survey! Find some friends. Tell your friends you want them to answer questions about fire safety. Ask them to answer the following questions. Keep track of how many "yes" answers you receive.

Survey Questions	Number of "Yes" answers
1. My family has a home escape plan in case of a fire	
2. My family has practiced our home escape plan in the last year	
3. My home has at least one working smoke alarm	
4. The fire department has responded to a fire at my house in the last year	

Color in the boxes for the number of "yes" answers you got for each question.

"yes" answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Question 1															
Question 2															
Question 3															
Question 4															

## Results

Which question got the most "yes" answers? \_\_\_\_\_ Which one got the fewest? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this tell you? \_\_\_\_\_

What answer to your survey, if any, surprised you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think your friends need to be more fire safe? \_\_\_\_\_

How? \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Idea!

Do this survey as a class. Have your teacher help you chart the results.

What things can your class do to be more fire safe?

Have your teacher send the results of your class survey to the editors of Fireflies. If your class survey shows your class knows how to practice fire safety or if your class shows the best plan for the students to become more fire safe, you could be featured as a Firefly Favorite in an upcoming issue.

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